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A.—(*a*) The balance of the fund on 31st March 1933 in Salem was Rs. 10,279–9–7. The balance with which the fund is estimated to close on 1st April 1934 is Rs. 10,461–9–7.

(*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the article headed "Application of funds" under the Chapter "Irrigation Cess Fund" in the Special Funds Code.

Control of Books and Newspapers.

Proscription of Swami Rama Thirtha's works.

* 823 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether books of Swami Rama Thirtha are treated as proscribed books and seized by the Police;

(*b*) whether on 10th November 1933 such books which were with Mr. Budhiraju Surappa Raju were seized by the Police at Vizianagram on the ground that he was selling unauthorized news sheets and Mr. Surappa Raju sentenced to six months' imprisonment; and

(*c*) the names of the books referred to in clause (*b*) with the respective dates of their publication and when objection was taken for the first time to any of them?

A.—(*a*) No books of Swami Rama Thirtha appear to have been proscribed by this Government.

(*b*) & (*c*) Certain books were seized from Mr. Budhiraju Surappa Raju on 10th November 1933 by the Vizianagram Police and he has since been convicted under section 18 of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931, in respect of them, but none of them were books of Swami Rama Thirtha.

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Medical Administration.

Employment of sisters not qualified as nurses to attend to maternity cases.

824 *Q.*—Rai Sahib C. Kolanda Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many Government hospitals where sisters are working as nurses there are maternity wards;

(*b*) how many of the sisters in each hospital are qualified midwives in Government hospitals with maternity wards where sisters are employed as nurses;

(*c*) in how many such hospitals where the sisters are not qualified midwives are allowed to conduct labour cases, and why; and

(*d*) when such sisters not qualified as midwives are given charge of maternity wards, whether the qualified Indian midwives are made to work under such unqualified sisters; if so, why?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*).

Name of the institution with maternity ward where sisters are employed.		Number of sisters employed.	
		Qualified as midwives.	Not qualified as midwives.
Headquarters Hospital,	Cuddalore ..	4	..
Do.	Masulipatam.	..	* 6
Do.	Trichinopoly.	1	..
Do.	Guntur ..	† 2	† 2
Do.	Vizagapatam.	1	6
Do.	Tuticorin ..	..	2
Do.	Kodaikanal.	..	1
Do.	Madura ..	..	3

* Undergone training in midwifery in Switzerland. But they do not possess separate diplomas as qualified midwives.

† The sisters have since resigned.

(*c*) Sisters who are not qualified as midwives are not ordinarily permitted to conduct labour cases. Owing, however, to the unavoidable absence of the qualified midwives 5 out of 134 cases were conducted by sisters in the Headquarter Hospital at Masulipatam.

(*d*) Qualified Indian midwives are not made to work under unqualified sisters.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have to announce that the Madras Town-Planning (Amendment) Act, 1934, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor on the 13th March 1934."

III.—VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1934-35.

DEMAND XVII—EDUCATION—TRANSFERRED.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The discussion on Demand No. XVII will be resumed. Mr. Pannirselvam will continue his speech on the cut motion of Mr. Sreshta."

* Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"Sir, I was trying to point out last evening how co-education of boys and girls had in itself nothing to recommend it, how it was an importation from the West, an unwanted and unwelcome importation, and how such co-education was unsuited to the genius, the tradition and the sentiment of the Indian people. I also pointed out how personally I had no objection to co-education being tolerated, only tolerated, in the case of younger children provided that such co-education is confined to schools under exclusively women management. I also wished to make it clear how